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## Memorandum

To: Budget Officer, Budget Group

From: Acting Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection

Subject: Waiver of Surcharge for Department of Energy Funded Projects

The Department of Energy (DOE) in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has provided and continues to provide significant funding for BLM oil and gas research projects that provide mutual benefits. BLM received \$500,000 in FY 2001 for which BLM waived administrative costs. BLM received an additional \$500,000 in September 2002 that we are now distributing to the 9 new projects listed below. We anticipate that this funding mechanism will continue.

Projects to be funded with current \$500,000 DOE funds:

#	Title	Funded
1	Determine Response of Mountain Plover Breeding Population to O&G Operations	\$95,000.00
2	Site Evaluation for Disposal of CBM Produced Water	\$59,000.00
3	Reducing Visual Impacts	\$59,000.00
4	Developing a Web-Based Decision Support System for Land Use Planning	\$59,000.00
5	Soil Recovery Timeframes from Disturbance Resulting from Geophysical Exploration in SE Utah	\$40,000.00
6	Oil and Gas Access Road Drainage Design Standards in Highly Erosive Soils in the SW	\$25,000.00
7	Model of CBM Impacts to Wildlife	\$59,000.00
8	O&G/GIS Database and Analytical Programs, WYSO Res Mgt Gp	\$45,000.00
9	Response of Greater Sage-Grouse ... to Habitat Fragmentation Caused by Fluid Mineral Development...	\$59,000.00
		<u>\$500,000.00</u>

The DOE transferred the funds in the amounts indicated by BLM for the completion of the studies. DOE will not transfer funds to BLM if we allow an administrative overhead fee to be subtracted. Your assistance in support of this funding source for critical projects by waiving the administrative fee is appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum please contact Jim Burd at (202) 452-5017.